

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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MARITIME BOUNDARIES
RAMPAL SINGH

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are providing adequate security cover to their maritime boundaries;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the action plan chalked out to safeguard the national maritime boundaries?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): The security of our Maritime Boundaries is being ensured by way of deployment of ships and aircrafts belonging to the Indian Navy and Coast Guards on patrolling of the International Maritime Boundaries and to conduct surveillance operations on the Western and Eastern Seaboards. The Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) is also kept under regular surveillance to curb the illegal movement of arms/ammunition, immigrants, etc. through sea routes and to prevent smuggling and poaching, etc. in our waters.